

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Comments:

Taken from the Engineers and
Architects Regulation Act

Question: Do plans submitted for review require the seal of a state registered engineer or architect?

Response: Yes, within the criteria listed below.

State Fire Marshal regulations require plans to be prepared by an engineer or architect who is registered with the State Board of Engineers and Architects

State Statutes list activities that are exempt from the Act. A plan that meets the criteria listed below **will not** require the seal of an engineer or architect.

- ◆ A one-story commercial or industrial building when **all** of the following are met:
 1. Less than 5,000 square feet of above grade finished space.
 2. Does not exceed 30 feet in height.
 3. Occupied by less than 20 people.
- ◆ The construction, remodeling, alteration or renovation of any one-and-two family dwelling, or a three or four family dwelling of less than 5,000 square feet of above grade finished space. The plans for any residential occupancy having more than four dwelling units must bear the seal of an engineer or architect.
- ◆ The construction, remodeling, alteration or renovation of farm buildings for machinery, livestock, poultry or storage if occupied by no more than 20 people.
- ◆ When the alteration, renovation, or remodeling of a building affects compliance with the *Life Safety Code* to a degree that the authority having jurisdiction deems the inclusion of an engineer or architect necessary.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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